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PLANT-QUARANTINE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF FINLAND

Regulations Governing the Importation of Seeds

(Decree No. 149, Apr. 9, 1937; Finlands Författningssamling, Apr. 10, 1937)

Decree No. 149 revokes and supersedes that of March 9, 1920 (p. 7 et seq., B. E. P. Q.--420). The following regulations are now effective:

Article 1. The Agricultural Administration, in case of necessity, on the suggestion of the Government Seed Control Station, must make proposals to the Ministry of Agriculture on seeds whose importation into and exportation from Finland are to be prohibited or restricted.

Articles 2 and 3 pertain to entry procedure.

Samples To Be Taken for Analysis

Art. 4. Whoever intends to sell, to import into Finland, or to export from Finland seeds that are restricted by a decision of the Ministry of Agriculture, must withdraw samples of them in the prescribed manner and send them to the Seed Control Institute for examination.

Unfit Seeds To Be Reexported

Art. 5. Seeds which, on the examination mentioned in article 3, are found unfit for introduction into commerce must be sent abroad again within 3 months of their entry into Finland, if the Ministry of Agriculture does not otherwise order.



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Clover and Plant Seeds Must Be Colored

Art. 6. Seeds of clover (Trifolium), alfalfa (Medicago), sand clover (Anthyllis), sweetclover (Melilotus), trefoil (Lotus), and seeds of all species of plants whose origin, in the opinion of the Ministry of Agriculture, is of significance to the welfare of crops, must be stained with a solution of eosin before being introduced into commerce.

Staining must be effected by injecting red coloring matter (eosin) dissolved in denatured alcohol in several places in each sack. The strength of the eosin solution must be 0.8 percent (8 gm eosin to 1 liter denatured alcohol).

Articles 7 and 8 provide for the annual publication of the minimal requirements concerning purity, germinability, and content of weed seeds and for the determination of the selling period.

Containers Must Be Marked "Foreign Seeds"

Art. 9. Imported seeds whose origin, in the opinion of the Department of Agriculture, is of significance to the welfare of crops, must be provided with containers on which the words "Utlandskt frö" (foreign seeds) are clearly and permanently marked.

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